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**NS4A PROTEASE** 

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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1), applicants hereby petition the Director of the Patent and Trademark Office for a three-month extension of time to respond to a Final Office Action dated October 3, 2006. Applicants have authorized the Director to charge payment of the Extension fee. With the extension, a response is due on or before April 3, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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